

Supplemental Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 09/863,458

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are all the claims pending in the application. In the January 29, 2004 Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-10, 21 and 22 are allowable, and claims 13-20 contain allowable subjected matter, but are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten claims 13, 14 and 15 into independent form, and has canceled rejected claims 1, 11 and 12, without prejudice or disclaimer, to place the Application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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